



Proclamation Resolution of Appreciation for Elaine Echols

WHEREAS, Elaine Echols has faithfully served the County of Albemarle over the last 21 years in multiple roles, including Chief of Planning, providing professional services, mentorship, and leadership on planning issues and promoting a proactive community planning effort that involves all stakeholders in a consensus building process and ensures that new development reflects the community's vision; and

WHEREAS, Elaine's leadership assured the success of the County's first *citizen-owned* master plan in Crozet, demonstrating that outreach and citizen participation could significantly improve community satisfaction and ownership while providing a framework that has guided development since 2004; and her leadership in supporting the Development Areas Initiative Steering Committee (DISC) led to the development of the Neighborhood Model, which received an honor award in design from the American Institute of Architects in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Elaine has contributed to every master plan completed over the last 15 years and supported the County's 2015 Comprehensive Plan through more than 70 public meetings and countless hours of work; and

WHEREAS, Elaine has proven herself a consummate planning professional by being recognized as a Fellow of the American Planning Association (APA), having her work awarded the 2018 Citizen Planner of the Year by the Virginia APA, and her many other contributions to the planning profession; and

WHEREAS, Elaine has diligently worked to advance good planning practices throughout the Commonwealth, including serving as an adjunct planning instructor for both Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors that Elaine K. Echols is hereby honored and commended for her many years of exceptional service to the County of Albemarle, the Department of Community Development, Albemarle County residents, the broader community in which we live, and the entire Commonwealth of Virginia with knowledge that Albemarle County is strengthened and distinguished by Elaine's leadership, dedication, commitment, professionalism and compassion in meeting community needs.

Signed this 1st day of August, 2018

*Ann H. Mallek, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors*